

A2 Claim 12 (amended). Process for producing self-adhesive articles[, especially for producing high-performance self-adhesive articles such as tapes or labels, characterized in that] wherein the hot-melt pressure-sensitive adhesive of Claim 1 is applied to a web form material with the aid of a multi-roll applicator unit which comprises from two to five rolls.

#### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to eliminate multiple dependency and conform the claims to conventional format.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

#### ADDITIONAL FEE

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